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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM  
SUBJ: NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES

REF: STATE 149147

1. PRESIDENT'S 6/12 STATEMENT ON NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES, AS REPORTED BY AP/HAPTONG WIRE, IS PROMINENTLY CARRIED IN KOREAN PRESS UNDER FOLLOWING CAPTION: "US TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN CASE OF NK ATTACK"; SUB-CAPTION: "EVEN IF ATTACK IS BY CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS". BY DROPPING DOUBLE NEGATIVE PHRASING OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, CAPTIONS STRONGLY CONVEY THAT US WILL USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EVENT OF ATTACK. THE WORD "PERMIT" IS USED ONLY IN BODY OF ARTICLES AS FOLLOWS: "EVEN IF NK ATTACKS ROK WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, US WILL PERMIT USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NK".

2. ONLY TWO PAPERS CARRY COMMENTS EXPLAINING THAT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IS RELATED TO US POLICY ON  
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NON-PROLIFERATION.

3. TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT GIVEN TO MOFA WHICH HAD ALSO RECEIVED IT FROM WASHINGTON. MOFA OFFICIAL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TEXT OF STATEMENT, NOTED HE THOUGHT ROKG FULLY UNDERSTOOD US POSITION, AND OPINED THAT STATEMENT WOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY DPRK.

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